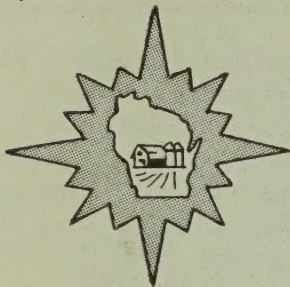


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Cream of the News

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in July increased for the fourth consecutive month and were nearly \$1.00 above last year.

Butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation during the first half of 1975 was higher than in the comparable period of 1974 but American cheese production was down.

Wholesale prices of dairy products continued to increase during July, led by a sharp gain in butter prices.

Milk production in both Wisconsin and the Nation during July was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for most livestock and crop items were higher in mid-July than a month earlier and were well above the previous year except for crops.

Red meat production in Wisconsin during June was up 8 percent from the previous year as an increase in the number of animals slaughtered offset lower average liveweights.

Based on weekly estimates for July, production of butter and American cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation will be under a year ago.

Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin increased for the fourth consecutive quarter, with the average price for July more than double a year earlier.

Hot, dry weather in July put Wisconsin's crops under a severe moisture stress on sandy and light soils.

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged a record high of \$56.63 a hundredweight during July.

Beef cattle prices at St. Paul and Kansas City declined from June to July.

Cold storage stocks of butter, cheese, and meat in the Nation at the end of July continue downward.

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Production of milk in Wisconsin and the Nation during July was 1 percent below a year ago. The State's milk output of 1,591 million pounds for July was down 9 percent seasonally from June, the same decline as a year earlier. Production per cow averaged 880 pounds in July, a drop of 10 pounds from July 1974. Pasture conditions declined considerably during July's hot, dry weather.

The Nation's milk production of 9,998 million pounds in July was down seasonally 4 percent from June, the same decline as in those months last year. Production per cow averaged 897 pounds, 8 pounds less than a year ago. The condition of the Nation's pasture and range feed on August 1 was above a year ago although there was a large area in the upper midwest where conditions were mostly poor to fair.

Milk Production

Selected States	July 1974	July 1975	Jan.-July 1975	Change from last year	
				July	Jan.-July
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin	1,602	1,591	11,314	- 1	n. c.
Minnesota . . .	790	744	5,781	- 6	- 4
Iowa	364	342	2,367	- 6	- 3
New York . . .	841	823	6,062	- 2	+ 2
Pennsylvania . .	599	586	4,168	- 2	+ 1
California	964	978	6,276	+ 1	+ 1
Other states . .	4,979	4,934	33,499	- 1	n. c.
United States . .	10,139	9,998	69,467	- 1	n. c.

MILK PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Prices received by Wisconsin dairy farmers for milk continued to increase during July. All milk is expected to average \$7.70 a hundredweight for July, up 8 cents from a month earlier and 93 cents above last year. This was the fourth consecutive month of higher milk prices.

Milk prices in June averaged \$7.62 a hundredweight, a gain of 8 cents from May and 66 cents above a year earlier. Milkfat content for June averaged 3.69 percent compared with 3.66 percent the previous year.

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Market grade milk averaged \$7.80 a hundredweight in June, an increase of 9 cents from May and 49 cents more than June 1974. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$7.39 a hundredweight during June, also 9 cents higher than in May and up 89 cents from a year ago. The spread between market and manufacturing milk in June was 41 cents, about half of the difference a year earlier.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	May 1975		June price per cwt.			July 1975 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1974	1975	75/74 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.74	7.54	6.96	7.62	+ 9	7.70
Minnesota	3.62	7.20	6.54	7.20	+ 10	7.30
Iowa	3.62	7.30	6.85	7.30	+ 7	7.30
New York	3.62	7.60	7.46	7.60	+ 2	8.25
California	3.54	8.30	7.96	8.35	+ 5	8.40
United States	3.61	7.98	7.69	7.94	+ 3	8.11
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.75	7.71	7.31	7.80	+ 7	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.73	7.30	6.50	7.39	+ 14	xxx
Creameries	3.67	7.19	6.52	7.22	+ 11	xxx
Cheese factories . . .	3.73	7.32	6.51	7.41	+ 14	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.71	7.22	6.40	7.29	+ 14	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	June 1974	May 1975	June 1975 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	6.65	7.06	7.23	+ 9
Market milk	7.00	7.20	7.40	+ 6
Manufacturing milk	6.20	6.85	7.01	+ 13
Creameries	6.27	6.86	6.96	+ 11
American cheese plants	6.16	6.86	7.00	+ 14
Varied products plants	6.13	6.81	6.95	+ 13
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone	7.27	7.51	7.57	+ 4

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

LESS CHEESE MADE IN FIRST HALF OF 1975

Cheese production in the Nation during the first half of 1975 was down 9 percent from that period in 1974. American cheese production showed a sharp decline of 16 percent and output of Swiss cheese dropped 4 percent. These declines

offset increases of 8 percent for Brick and Muenster, 5 percent for Italian, and 7 percent for all other varieties.

Wisconsin's production of American cheese in the first half of 1975 was 10 percent under the comparable period last year. Minnesota had a decline of 11 percent, Iowa was down 38 percent and all other states produced 20 percent less American cheese than in January-June 1974.

Butter production in Wisconsin and the Nation during the first half of 1975 was substantially above the same period a year ago. Wisconsin creameries churned 15 percent more butter in January through June than a year earlier. Minnesota had a gain of 2 percent, California was up 1 percent, and all other states increased their butter production 17 percent. Nationally, output of butter in the first six months of this year was up 11 percent from that period last year.

Production of both cottage cheese and ice cream in the Nation during the first half of 1975 was up from the comparable period in 1974.

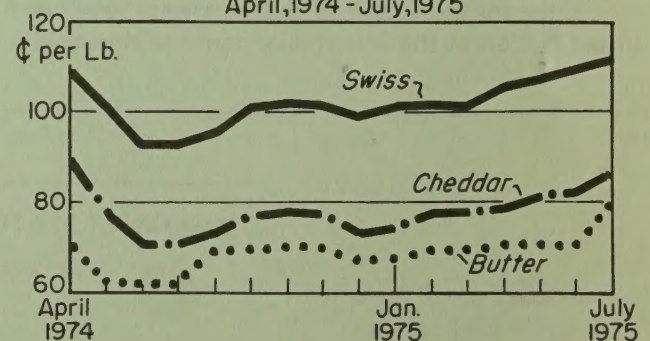
Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1975	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
June	88,294	- 7	+ 6	170,690	- 9	- 9
Jan.-June	574,848	+ 11	+ 15	888,864	- 16	- 10
Weeks ending:						
July 10	17,900	- 12	- 6	35,500	- 10	- 11
July 17	16,800	- 7	- 13	34,900	- 7	- 7
July 24	15,200	- 8	- 7	33,400	- 6	- 5
July 31	14,000	- 15	- 5	32,700	- 6	- 10
Total	63,900	- 11	xxx	136,500	- 7	xxx

WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

Wholesale prices of dairy products continued to increase during July. The 92-score butter price at New York averaged 78.79 cents a pound, up more than 8 cents from June and well above the average of 62.11 cents a pound for July last year.

Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 84.82 cents a pound at Wisconsin primary markets during July, a gain of nearly 2½ cents from the previous month and more than 13½ cents above a year earlier. This was the seventh consecutive month that wholesale prices of cheddar cheese increased. The July average was the highest for cheddar cheese since April 1974.

WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES
April, 1974 - July, 1975

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Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	July 1974	June 1975	July 1975 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . .	62.11¢	70.61¢	78.79¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/ . . .	71.16¢	82.38¢	84.82¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	92.74¢	108.75¢	111.65¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$11.30-12.47	\$11.55-12.50	\$ - - - -
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	56.52¢	60.44¢	60.45¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged nearly \$1.12 a pound in July, an increase of about 3 cents from June and almost 19 cents more than a year ago.

JULY BUTTER AND AMERICAN CHEESE PRODUCTION DOWN

Weekly estimates for July indicate that production of butter and American cheese will continue below a year earlier. The Nation's butter output in July was about 11 percent below last year. However, production of butter in the first half of 1975 showed an increase of 11 percent from that period in 1974. Wisconsin's butter production in July was under the previous year but output for the first half of 1975 was up 15 percent from January-June 1974.

American cheese production in the Nation during July was down 7 percent from last year, according to weekly

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	June 1974	June 1975	Jan.-June 1975	Change from last year	
				June	Jan.-June
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	18,626	19,700	120,980	+ 6	+ 15
Minnesota	23,851	22,470	135,580	- 6	+ 2
California	10,944	10,500	64,950	- 4	+ 1
Other states	41,810	35,624	253,338	- 15	+ 17
United States	95,231	88,294	574,848	- 7	+ 11
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	79,801	73,000	383,200	- 9	- 10
Minnesota	22,041	23,000	133,915	+ 4	- 11
Iowa	10,318	7,800	41,700	- 24	- 38
Other states	76,164	66,890	330,049	- 12	- 20
United States	188,324	170,690	888,864	- 9	- 16
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	16,284	17,351	86,528	+ 7	- 4
Brick and Muenster . .	5,914	7,029	38,726	+ 19	+ 8
Italian	51,018	57,214	317,667	+ 12	+ 5
All other	16,008	20,916	107,226	+ 31	+ 7
Total	89,224	102,510	550,147	+ 15	+ 4
ALL CHEESE					
United States	277,548	273,200	1,439,011	- 2	- 9
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	56,919	62,415	359,500	+ 10	+ 1
Creamed 2/	70,871	76,911	454,776	+ 9	+ 3
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,536	1,700	8,250	+ 11	+ 5
Illinois	4,310	4,500	21,750	+ 4	n. c.
Iowa	856	1,050	5,220	+ 23	+ 15
Michigan	3,282	3,750	19,370	+ 14	+ 17
Minnesota	2,761	2,560	13,850	- 7	- 3
Other states	63,167	70,725	350,417	+ 12	+ 11
United States	75,912	84,285	418,857	+ 11	+ 10

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

estimates. Output of American cheese in the Nation during January through June was 16 percent below that period a year ago. Wisconsin's production of American cheese during July was down nearly comparable to the 10 percent decline shown in the first half of 1975.

NATION'S CHEESE AND BUTTER STOCKS DOWN

Cold storage stocks of butter in the U.S. at the end of July at nearly 96 million pounds were down 27 percent from a year earlier and the lowest for that date since 1966. The government held 63 million pounds of butter at the end of July, almost double the relatively low levels of a year ago.

Stocks of American cheese in cold storage for July 31 totaled 420 million pounds, 14 percent below the previous year. Swiss cheese stocks were down 15 percent from a year ago and other cheese stocks were off 16 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	July 31, 1973	July 31, 1974	July 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter	143,844	130,707	95,543	- 27
Cheese, American	320,176	488,119	420,142	- 14
Cheese, Swiss	14,789	14,626	12,462	- 15
Cheese, all other	57,926	63,235	53,195	- 16
Cheese, total	392,891	565,980	485,799	- 14
	WISCONSIN			
Butter	9,874	7,034	8,529	+ 21
Cheese, American	196,676	267,352	228,103	- 15
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter	88,383	31,629	62,670	+ 98
Cheese, American	431	660	6,190	+ 838

*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products
United States

Commodity	June 30, 1973	June 30, 1974	June 30, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk	8,953	13,054	7,255	- 44
Dried skim milk	103,996	194,304	111,825	- 42
Dried buttermilk	5,688	9,492	4,814	- 49
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ .	114,084	127,387	104,045	- 18

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

DAIRY PRODUCTS BY COUNTIES

Production of dairy products in Wisconsin counties for 1973 and 1974 is published in the accompanying table. Where indicated by an asterisk, production is not shown when made by less than 3 plants in a county or to maintain confidentiality of individual reports. Therefore, the reader is cautioned not to assume that a county shown with the highest production figure for any particular dairy product is the leading county in the State in the output of this product. Figures for the leading county could be included in those counties marked with an asterisk.

Manufactured Dairy Products in Wisconsin Counties, 1973-74 1/

County	Cheese										Butter		Ice cream excluding counter freezer	
	American 2/		Brick and Muenster		Italian		Swiss		All cheese					
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	1,000 pounds												1,000 gallons	
Barron . . .	4,972	19,514	*	*	*	*	*	*	15,896	31,236	*	*	*	*
Bayfield . .	*	*							*	*				
Burnett . . .					*	*			*	*	*	*		
Chippewa . .	45,631	45,432			*	*			54,680	54,219	7,723	*	*	*
Douglas . . .									*	*	*	*	*	*
Polk					22,977	26,898			25,747	29,473	*	*	*	*
Rusk	*	*							*	*				
Sawyer														
Washburn . .	*	*	*	*					*	*	*	*		
Ashland . . .	*	*							*	*				
Clark	58,125	57,595	*	*	*	*			67,969	66,893	*	*	*	*
Iron														
Lincoln . . .	6,445	6,130							6,445	6,130			*	*
Marathon . .	49,638	51,577	4,784	5,288	5,894	7,383			60,603	64,313			*	*
Oneida														
Price	6,266	5,437							6,266	5,437				
Taylor	7,590	7,671							7,590	7,671				
Vilas														
Florence . . .														
Forest														
Langlade . . .	*	*			*	*			17,079	*	*	*	*	*
Marinette . . .	*	*			*	*			3,855	4,417				
Menominee . .														
Oconto	13,101	13,481			*	*			22,504	23,924	*	*	*	*
Shawano . . .	16,341	16,855							16,341	16,855	12,984	*	*	*
Buffalo	*	*					*	*	17,665	17,656				
Dunn	7,456	7,000			*	*			10,583	10,353	*	*	*	*
Eau Claire . .	*	*							*	*			*	*
Jackson					*	*			*	*			*	*
La Crosse . .	9,860	13,377							9,860	13,377	*	*	*	*
Monroe	*	*							*	*	6,377	6,201	*	*
Pepin														
Pierce	*	*							*	*	*	*	*	*
St. Croix . . .	10,396	10,360							10,396	10,360				
Trempealeau .	*	52,307							*	52,307	*	*		
Adams						*				*				
Green Lake . .	*	*	*	*					*	*				
Juneau	5,620	6,172	*	*					6,179	6,172	*	*	*	*
Marquette . .	*	*	*	*					*	*				
Portage														
Waupaca . . .	17,892	19,126	*	*	*	*	*	*	37,859	36,239	*	*	53	84
Waushara . . .	*	*	*	*					5,094	5,090	*	*		
Wood	59,015	55,539			*	*			65,961	71,313			*	*
Brown	12,921	13,051	*	*					19,579	22,661	*	*	4,451	4,522
Calumet	35,611	38,833		*	*	*			36,707	40,089	*	*		
Door	6,563	6,923							6,563	6,923				
Fond du Lac .	24,463	30,888			22,685	24,425			54,014	61,781	*	*	*	*
Kewaunee . . .	24,626	27,073			*	*			28,267	30,609				
Manitowoc . .	6,797	8,087	*	*	9,812	9,929			16,680	18,016	*	*	*	*
Outagamie . .	19,669	21,667	*	*			*	*	23,871	25,436	*	*		
Sheboygan . .	1,857	1,961	*	*	16,746	17,501			21,472	21,243			*	*
Winnebago . .	3,635	4,339	*	*	*	*			5,464	6,073			*	*
Crawford . . .	11,302	10,776							11,302	10,776	252	150		
Grant	29,634	28,215	*	*	762	*	*	*	34,176	37,887	653	*	*	*
Iowa	12,642	13,112	1,693	*	*	*	608	*	21,576	20,059	*	*	*	*
Lafayette . . .	4,018	5,590	4,468	4,500			2,677	1,933	11,167	12,078	*	*	*	*
Richland . . .	47,011	49,811	*	*					47,369	49,962	*	*	*	*
Sauk	6,301	6,565	*	*					6,856	6,903	*	*	*	*
Vernon	21,071	24,576	*	*					21,073	24,576	2,227	*	*	*
Columbia . . .	*	*	1,107	1,151					2,965	2,977			*	*
Dane	6,535	7,099	2,834	2,996	*	*	*	*	9,577	10,292	27,352	29,409	1,729	1,717
Dodge	2,117	2,180	5,933	5,107	21,901	21,688			68,382	64,745			*	*
Green	4,583	5,338	16,875	16,952	9,797	9,053	3,547	2,493	36,389	35,547	*	*	*	*
Jefferson . . .	*	*	*	*	*	*			1,945	1,624			*	*
Rock														
Kenosha														
Milwaukee . .													3,494	4,230
Ozaukee					*	*			*	*				
Racine														
Walworth . . .														
Washington . .			*	*					*	*	*	*	*	*
Waukesha . . .									*	*	*	*	*	*
State	720,104	764,420	52,780	55,652	199,674	217,017	32,764	29,795	1,071,041	1,128,307	179,406	193,067	16,006 3/	17,013 3/

*Production not shown when made by less than 3 plants in a county or to maintain confidentiality of individual reports. 1/Figures at bottom of page are published state totals, and county totals will not add to these figures. 2/Includes colby cheese. 3/Includes counter freezer production.

AUGUST CROP REPORT

Rains in August have been spotty and crops are in dire need of moisture. Nearly all reporters rate soil moisture supplies as short. Hot, dry weather in July depleted soil moisture supplies. All areas of the State had below normal rainfall in July except the south central which received locally heavy rains on July 3 and 23. Temperatures were in the 90's on several days, with only the second week of July having below normal temperatures. Soil moisture supplies are currently the shortest in five years.

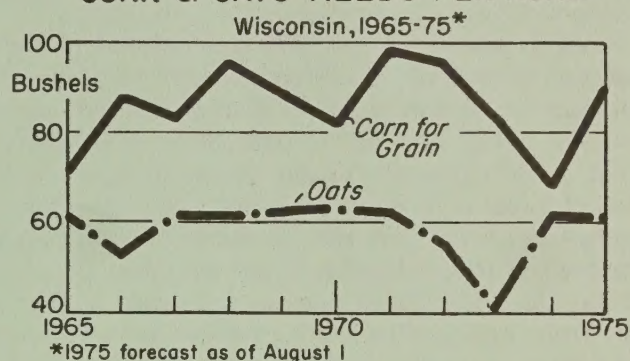
Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

District	Month of July			Since April 1		
	1974	1975	Normal	1974	1975	Normal
Northwest	2.4	2.1	4.1	12.7	14.1	15.1
North Central	2.9	1.7	4.1	12.8	11.3	14.9
Northeast	2.9	1.5	3.4	13.0	10.6	13.7
West Central	1.6	2.5	3.8	12.7	17.6	15.1
Central	2.6	2.0	3.4	13.9	12.1	14.3
East Central	3.4	2.0	3.3	14.6	10.9	12.8
Southwest	2.9	1.9	3.9	16.1	14.0	15.4
South Central	3.0	4.8	3.8	16.2	16.4	14.2
Southeast	3.3	2.2	3.7	15.8	11.9	13.6

The hot, dry weather put corn under severe moisture stress on sandy and light soils. Some corn is fired beyond help and is being chopped for silage. Early corn on heavier soils is well advanced and some has started to dent. Corn maturity is considerably ahead of last year when early frosts hurt the crop. Based on conditions as of August 1, production of corn for grain in Wisconsin was estimated at 207 million bushels for 1975. This would be 34 percent above the

short 1974 crop. The yield per acre of corn for grain is forecast at 88 bushels for 1975, up 20 bushels from last year. Corn went into July in excellent condition but the heat and dryness have taken a toll and prevented the crop from reaching a greater potential. Over a third of the corn was in dough stage of development by mid-August compared with 20 percent last year and 25 percent normally.

CORN & OATS YIELDS PER ACRE



Harvesting of oats was progressing good in dry weather. By mid-August about two-thirds of the oats was combined, ahead of last year's 50 percent and equal to normal despite a later start. Yields on oats varied, with early oats running good but late oats lighter due to hot, dry weather in July. Quality of oats was good and straw supplies were adequate. As of August 1 conditions, production of oats in Wisconsin for 1975 was estimated at 82.8 million bushels, down about 3 percent from the previous year. The expected yield of 60

Crop Summary of Wisconsin for August 1, 1975

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)	1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)		1973	1974	1975 (prelimi- nary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain	2,090	2,270	2,350	83.0	68.0	88.0	Bu.	173,470	154,360	206,800
Oats	1,370	1,400	1,380	41.0	61.0	60.0	Bu.	56,170	85,400	82,800
Barley	21	19	32	37.0	47.0	50.0	Bu.	777	893	1,600
Rye	9	10	10	21.0	24.0	23.0	Bu.	189	240	230
Wheat (all)	27	78	86	33.0	36.6	36.0	Bu.	890	2,853	3,100
Winter	16	57	65	35.0	39.0	38.0	Bu.	560	2,223	2,470
Spring	11	21	21	30.0	30.0	30.0	Bu.	330	630	630
Soybeans for beans	241	217	205	25.0	20.0	23.0	Bu.	6,025	4,340	4,715
Potatoes (fall)	47.0	50.0	49.5	245	280	1/	Cwt.	11,515	14,000	1/
Tobacco (all)	10.2	9.4	10.0	1,859	1,965	1,900	Lb.	18,963	18,471	19,000
Type 54	4.9	4.7	5.0	1,950	2,060	1,950	Lb.	9,555	9,682	9,750
Type 55	5.3	4.7	5.0	1,775	1,870	1,850	Lb.	9,408	8,789	9,250
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all)	3,950	3,950	4,000	2.69	2.68	2.66	Ton	10,622	10,600	10,650
Alfalfa and mixture	2,970	3,000	3,000	2.90	2.90	2.85	Ton	8,613	8,700	8,550
All other	980	950	1,000	2.05	2.00	2.10	Ton	2,009	1,900	2,100
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 2/	1.4	1.4	1.1	370	450	—	Cwt.	518	630	—
Cabbage 2/	2.3	3.1	2.3	280	320	—	Cwt.	644	992	—
Lettuce 2/	1.1	1.1	1.2	250	200	—	Cwt.	275	220	—
Mint for oil	6.5	8.3	8.4	31	46	33	Cwt.	204	380	281
Onions, commercial	1.4	1.3	1.4	280	280	—	Cwt.	392	364	—
For processing:										
Green lima beans	7.4	5.3	8.9*	.93	.94	—	Ton 3/	6.9	5.0	—
Peas	123.2	129.8	140.0*	.99	1.33	1.10	Ton 3/	122.0	173.0	154.0
Snap beans	55.7	61.0	66.8*	2.47	2.55	2.40	Ton	137.6	156.0	160.0
Sweet corn	132.6	118.1	146.1*	3.85	3.83	—	Ton	510.5	452.3	—
Cucumber for pickles	10.4	11.4	10.4*	4.91	3.91	—	Ton	51.1	44.6	—
Beets for canning	6.6	8.1	8.7*	9.18	10.65	—	Ton	60.6	86.3	—
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, commercial	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	50,000	65,000	66,000
Tart cherries	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	2.4	5.4	7.0

*Planted contract acreage except for peas and snap beans which are harvested acreage. 1/Estimates released on October 10. 2/Summer quarter acreage, includes portion processed. 3/Shelled.

bushels per acre would be 1 bushel less than last year and harvested acreage may also be lower.

Second crop hay yields were reduced by lack of rain, especially on late cut first crop. Harvesting has gone well with about 70 percent completed by mid-August, ahead of last year and normal. Hay yields for 1975 are expected to average 2.66 tons per acre, slightly less than in 1974. Production of hay could be about equal to a year ago because of an increase in acreage. Rain is needed if a third crop is to be realized.

Soybean production for 1975 could exceed 1974 even though acreage is down. Yields are expected to be 3 bushels higher than the frost damaged 1974 crop. However, rain is a necessity if pod set is to be favorable. Tobacco is being topped but the late planted tobacco also needs moisture. Harvesting of sweet corn is going on but yields have been reduced by lack of rain. Harvesting continues for early potatoes and vegetables. Irrigated potatoes and vegetables are yielding good but the non-irrigated acreage is in poor to fair condition. Fruits had good pollinating weather and no damaging spring frost so crops should be good. The tart cherry harvest is nearly completed with the best crop since 1971.

FARM PRODUCT PRICES HIGHER IN MID-JULY

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for most livestock and crop items were higher in mid-July than a month earlier. The index of prices received for all farm products averaged 530 percent of the 1910-14 base, up 13 points (2.5 percent) from June and 66 points (14.2 percent) above July 15, 1974.

Hog prices continued sharply higher in July. At \$52.40 a hundredweight, hogs were \$5.80 more than in June and \$23.40 above July 1974. The mid-July hog price was only \$2.00 under the record price of August 1973.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	July 15, 1973	July 15, 1974	June 15, 1975	July 15, 1975
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	580.00	575.00	475.00	475.00
Steers and heifers .	Cwt.	45.00	32.30	43.40	43.00
Cows	Cwt.	34.50	24.00	23.40	22.00
Calves	Cwt.	66.50	38.70	33.40	33.60
Hogs	Cwt.	39.40	29.00	46.60	52.40
Sheep	Cwt.	9.50	9.00	7.90	8.40
Lambs	Cwt.	32.20	39.20	43.60	43.70
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.140	.095	.120	.135
Turkeys	Lb.	.340	.240	.380	.390
Eggs	Doz.	.510	.344	.374	.427
Corn	Bu.	1.89	3.05	2.70	2.72
Wheat	Bu.	2.35	3.89	2.64	3.03
Oats	Bu.	.87	1.42	1.42	1.38
Soybeans	Bu.	6.50	6.05	4.80	5.14
Alfalfa hay, baled .	Ton	28.00	29.00	47.00	45.50

1/Excludes broilers.

Beef cattle prices declined in July after having shown increases for six straight months. Steers and heifers averaged \$43.00 a hundredweight on July 15, down 40 cents from the previous month but \$10.70 higher than a year ago. The July price for slaughter cows averaged \$22.00 a hundredweight, a decline of \$1.40 from June and \$2.00 under last year.

Milk cows averaged \$475.00 each in mid-July, the same

as June but \$100.00 below July 1974. Calves, at \$33.60 a hundredweight for July, were up 20 cents from a month earlier but \$5.10 less than a year ago.

Sheep prices increased 50 cents from June to July but at \$8.40 a hundredweight were 60 cents lower than last year. Lambs averaged \$43.70 a hundredweight in July, a gain of 10 cents from June and \$4.50 above July 1974.

Egg prices increased about 5 cents a dozen from June to July. Eggs averaged nearly 43 cents a dozen on July 15, up more than 8 cents from a year earlier. Turkeys averaged 39 cents a pound liveweight in mid-July, the highest price since September 1952. The July turkey price increased 1 cent from June and was 15 cents more than the previous year.

Wheat prices rose to \$3.03 a bushel in July, up 39 cents from a month earlier but 86 cents below last year. Corn averaged \$2.72 a bushel for July, an increase of 2 cents from June but 33 cents under a year ago. Oats dropped to \$1.38 a bushel in July, down 4 cents from both a month and a year earlier.

Soybeans averaged \$5.14 a bushel for July, up 34 cents from June but 91 cents below July 1974. Baled alfalfa hay, at \$45.50 a ton in mid-July, was down \$1.50 from the previous month but \$16.50 higher than last year.

CRANBERRY PRODUCTION FORECAST

U. S. cranberry production is expected to total 2,256,000 barrels, 1 percent more than last year and 7 percent above 1973. In Wisconsin, a production of 850,000 barrels is expected, 2 percent below 1974. Cranberry development in the state is running about a week ahead of last year. Most marshes had little winter damage or hail loss. Growing conditions have generally been good, although hot weather has caused some stress.

HOG SLAUGHTER ABOVE YEAR AGO

Hog slaughter in Wisconsin for June numbered 253,000 head, an increase of 7,000 from May and 6,000 more than a year ago. This was the first time in 1975 that hog slaughter exceeded a year earlier. Although the average liveweight of hogs butchered in June was 5 pounds lighter than last year total pork production was up slightly because of the increased number slaughtered.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	June		Change from last year	June	
	1974	1975		1974	1975
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	91.0	111.0	+ 22	101.6	115.0
United States 1/ . .	2,865.9	3,193.1	+ 11	3,043.5	3,153.3
Calves					
Wisconsin	19.3	31.5	+ 63	3.1	3.7
United States 1/ . .	175.2	381.8	+ 118	45.4	111.6
Hogs					
Wisconsin	247.0	253.0	+ 2	62.0	62.2
United States 1/ . .	6,268.4	5,385.9	- 14	1,551.6	1,307.0
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin2	.3	+ 50	.020	.029
United States 1/ . .	601.0	636.1	+ 6	60.2	64.2

1/Excludes Alaska.

Beef production in Wisconsin for June was 13 percent higher than a year ago. There were 111,000 cattle slaughtered during June, an increase of 20,000 from the previous year. Average liveweight of cattle killed in June was only 1,036 pounds, down 80 pounds from a year earlier and the lightest average liveweight since August 1960.

Calf slaughter during June totaled 31,500, up considerably from the 19,300 calves butchered in June 1974. However, the average liveweight of calves slaughtered in June was just 118 pounds. This was 42 pounds less than a year ago and the lowest since January 1969. Sheep and lamb slaughter for June, at 300 head, was 100 more than in June last year.

FEEDER PIG PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

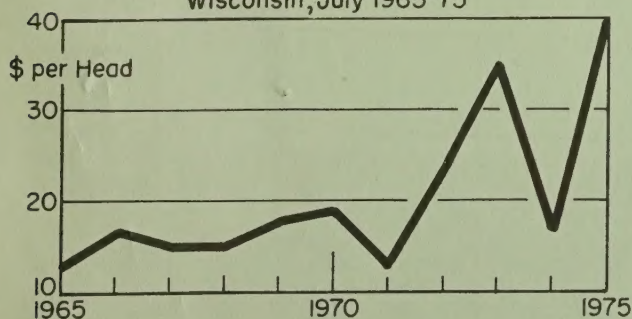
Feeder pig prices in Wisconsin continued to increase as the hog market remained strong into the summer months. Wisconsin farmers reported paying an average of \$39.80 in July for a feeder pig averaging 40 pounds. This was an increase of \$1.50 from April and the fourth consecutive quarter of higher feeder pig prices. The July feeder pig price average was more than double a year ago.

Wisconsin Feeder Pig Prices and Weights 1/

Year	January	April	July	October
Dollars per head				
1965	10.50	12.10	13.00	15.15
1966	20.65	20.00	16.60	16.30
1967	14.50	14.75	15.20	14.90
1968	13.70	15.40	15.10	15.20
1969	14.00	16.40	17.80	19.00
1970	21.50	24.50	18.80	12.60
1971	9.35	12.05	12.80	14.30
1972	18.50	21.70	23.30	23.50
1973	24.80	30.90	34.50	32.10
1974	30.70	27.60	17.20	18.20
1975	23.60	37.30	39.80	
Pounds per head				
1965	42	40	40	40
1966	41	40	40	41
1967	42	41	41	41
1968	42	40	41	41
1969	41	41	41	41
1970	41	39	40	40
1971	41	40	40	41
1972	41	40	40	40
1973	41	40	40	40
1974	40	39	40	41
1975	41	41	40	

1/Prices paid by farmers and weights are average for the month as reported by Wisconsin Crop Correspondents.

FEEDER PIG PRICES Wisconsin, July 1965-75



MEAT STOCKS CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND

Cold storage stocks of meat in the Nation at the end of July totaled over 573 million pounds, down 28 percent (223 million pounds) from a year earlier. Storage stocks of beef at 266 million pounds were down about a third from a year ago and pork stocks at 230 million pounds were down 21 percent.

Compared with a month ago, total meat stocks were down 12 percent (79 million pounds) with all categories except pork in cooler, lamb and mutton, and other canned meats sharing in the decline.

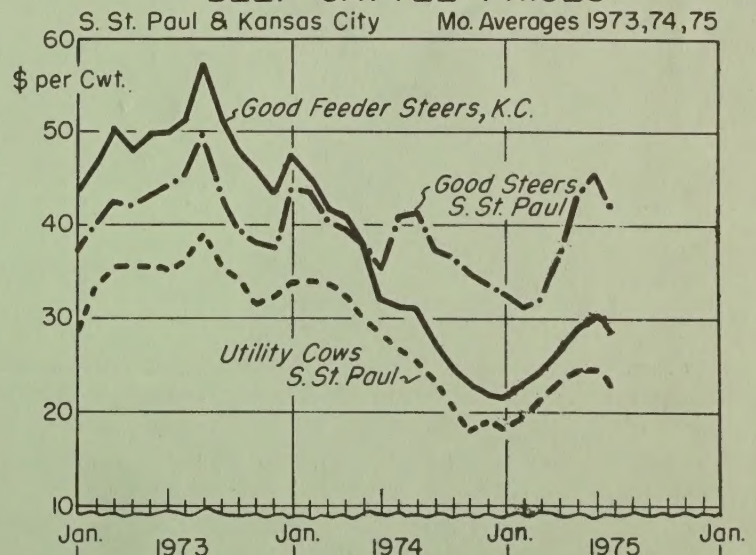
Cold Storage Stocks of Meat
United States

Commodity	July 31, 1973	July 31, 1974	June 30, 1975	July 31, 1975	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	289,303	383,888	280,208	257,990	- 33
In cure and cured	8,755	13,611	8,119	8,035	- 41
Total	298,058	397,499	288,327	266,025	- 33
Pork:					
Frozen	186,670	277,839	272,426	218,703	- 21
In cooler	14,138	14,002	10,968	11,102	- 21
Total	200,808	291,841	283,394	229,805	- 21
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	9,982	13,468	9,540	9,177	- 32
Lamb and mutton, frozen	14,451	15,977	7,491	7,701	- 52
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	53,275	64,222	53,046	50,546	- 21
Other meats	11,885	13,056	9,884	9,895	- 24
Total, all meats	588,459	796,063	651,682	573,149	- 28

BEEF CATTLE PRICES LOWER

Prices of good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$28.60 a hundredweight at the Kansas City market during July. This was \$1.56 below the previous month and the first decline for feeder steer prices since January 1975. A year ago feeder steers averaged \$31.38 a hundredweight.

BEEF CATTLE PRICES

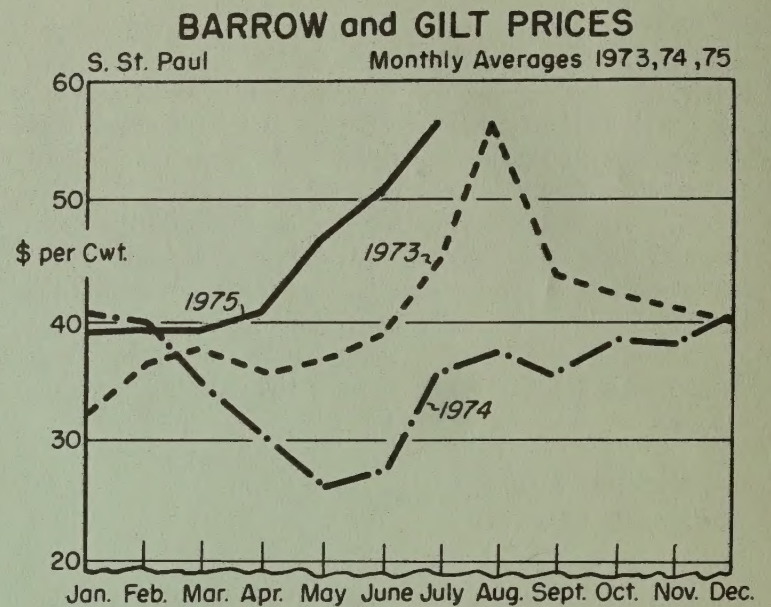


Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$42.36 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market in July, down \$3.24 from June but \$1.49 higher than last year.

Utility cow prices at St. Paul averaged \$22.73 a hundredweight for July, a decline of \$1.90 from a month earlier and \$4.11 below July 1974.

BARROW AND GILTS REACH RECORD HIGH PRICES IN JULY

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged a record high of \$56.63 a hundredweight for July. This was 3 cents more than the previous high reached in August 1973. Prices for barrows and gilts increased \$5.74 from June to July and were \$20.67 above July 1974.



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